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AMEMBASSY MANILA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SWEL, WHO, AS, MY, JA

SUBJECT: CANDIDATES FOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR, WESTERN PACIFIC  
REGION, WHO

REF: A-3879, SEPTEMBER 21, 1977 (NOTAL)

1. FIRST SECRETARY MICHAEL THWAITES OF THE AUSTRALIAN  
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON PHONED DEPARTMENT JULY 21 TO STATE  
THAT DR. CUMMING CONTINUES TO BE CANDIDATE FOR POSITION OF  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF WHO'S WESTERN PACIFIC REGION, AND  
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THAT AUSTRALIA HOPES FOR U.S. SUPPORT. THE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICER REITERATED HIS RESPONSE OF LAST SEPTEMBER (REF) TO  
EFFECT THAT DR. CUMMING IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO U.S.  
OFFICIALS WORKING IN WHO AFFAIRS, AND MENTIONED THAT THE  
RACE HAS NOW BECOME A THREE-WAY ONE WITH THE RECENTLY  
ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY OF DR. NOORDIN OF MALAYSIA. (JAPAN'S  
CANDIDACY HAS LONG BEEN ON THE TABLE.) THWAITES HAD NOT

HEARD OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND DID NOT ASK WHETHER THE U.S.  
HAS YET DECIDED WHOM TO BACK.

2. FYI ONLY. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION U.S. HAD DECIDED  
TO VOTE FOR DR. NOORDIN, WHOM WE BELIEVE TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY  
WELL-QUALIFIED FOR THE POST. MALAYSIA'S STATUS AS BOTH  
ASEAN MEMBER AND LDC WAS ALSO TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AS WAS THE  
FACT THAT MALAYSIA HAS HAD RELATIVELY FEW INTERNATIONAL  
POSTS.

3. VOTE WILL BE BY SECRET BALLOT AND US DEL WILL BE UNDER  
INSTRUCTIONS NOT (RPT NOT) TO DIVULGE NATURE OF U.S. VOTE.  
END FYI ONLY.

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